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SUBJECT: SOVIET REACTION TO MAP CONCEPT (SALT TWO-1808)

1. DURING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN ACADEMICIAN SHCHUKIN AND GENERAL ROWNY ON 13 JULY 1978, SHCHUKIN MENTIONED HE HAD READ AN ARTICLE BY NITZE ON THE ALTERNATE LAUNCHING POINT SYSTEM (ALPS). SHCHUKIN SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW NITZE COULD RECOMMEND SUCH A CONCEPT SINCE SURELY HE MUST KNOW THAT ARTICLE XV.3 OF THE JDT RECORDS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SIDES PROHIBITING DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES WHICH IMPEDE VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS.

2. ROWNY SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE ALPS CONCEPT AND ALSO WITH THE SECOND AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE II.1 WHICH PERMITS DEPLOYMENT OF MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS AFTER THE PROTOCOL EXPIRES. ROWNY ADDED HE WAS QUITE CERTAIN THAT VERIFICATION OF A MOBILE BASING METHOD OF ICBMS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE AGREED PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY.

3. ROWNY SAID SHCHUKIN SHOWED NO INDICATION OF BEING FAMILIAR WITH THE US STATEMENT ON PRESERVING ITS OPTION TO DEPLOY MOBILE ICBMS OR THAT IT HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO AMB

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DOBRYNIN. HOWEVER, THIS IS THE FIRST EXPRESSION OF NEGATIVE REACTION BY THE SOVIETS TO THE US MULTIPLE AIM POINT (MAP) CONCEPT. EARLE

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